

# SORRT

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## CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY 1, 2004

Annual recycling reports due for large businesses (250 or more employees)

### MARCH 1, 2004

Annual recycling reports due for medium (100–249 employees) and selected small (less than 100 employees) businesses

### APRIL 22, 2004

Earth Day

### MAY 17–21, 2004

Montgomery County Recycling Awareness Week (events TBA)

### MAY 19, 2004

Business Recycling Awards Presentation



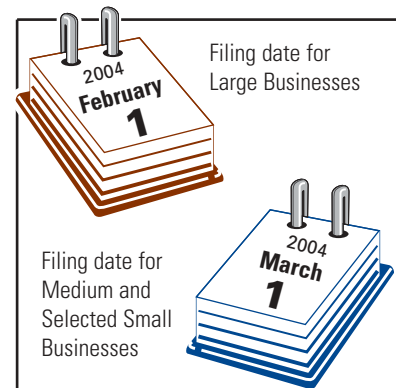
**IS YOUR BUSINESS  
PLANNING TO  
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY  
IN APRIL?**

If so, please call DSWS to have a staff member attend and set up a recycling booth at your event.



## Review the Past . . . Plan for the Future

As the new year starts, Montgomery County businesses examine their corporate gains and losses, plan for future activities, and develop their internal budgets. This is key to making sure that their business is successful and ensure their staff continue to follow solid practices that help them keep on track and meet their expected goals. Of equal importance is filing an annual recycling report so you can assess how well your recycling program is going and make any adjustments required.



Business recycling is the law in Montgomery County and as part of this requirement large, medium, and selected small businesses are required to

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file an annual recycling report that provides the County with data on types and quantities of wastes recycled during the prior year. This report is utilized by the County to help make decisions on future

recycling programs and policies. It helps them track both your individual recycling rate and quantify the success of their County-wide recycling programs.

Based on that, don't think of the annual reporting process as just more paperwork . . . think of it as planning for the future, as well as fulfilling a legal obligation. For convenience, annual recycling reports can be mailed, faxed, or filed online at the County Web site [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling), so be sure to file early to avoid a penalty. For assistance or with questions contact Alan Pultyniewicz at 240-777-6400.



Mr. Richard Keller encourages attendees to buy recycled materials at their businesses.

## Businesses Learning By Example

On October 22nd and 28th, 2003, the Montgomery County Division of Solid Waste Services hosted two “Business Recycling—It’s the Law” seminars at the Pooks Hill Marriott in Bethesda.

Almost 60 business owners, managers and employees, property managers, haulers and collectors, and recycling coordinators attended the informative four-hour sessions.

They learned about their responsibilities under the County’s recycling law and received the necessary information to implement and maintain successful recycling programs.

In addition, several guest speakers spoke to the attendees. Mr. Richard Keller, Maryland Environmental Services, talked about the importance of buying recycled products. Representatives from two County businesses were on hand to talk to participants about their long-standing recycling programs. Mr. Odell Hall from Montgomery General Hospital and Ms. Patricia Brown from the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association addressed the group and discussed practices that augmented and enhanced their successful programs.

The County has a mandated goal to recycle 50 percent of all its waste, and DSWS is supporting businesses so they can do their part to help achieve the goal. Currently, Montgomery County businesses are recycling approximately 31 percent of their waste stream.

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## Recycling Checklist

Commercial properties and businesses **MUST** recycle the following materials if these products are generated:



White office paper



Newspapers  
(including inserts)



Corrugated cardboard



Glass bottles and jars



Aluminum and bi-metal  
food and beverage cans



Plastic food and  
beverage containers



Yard trim (grass,  
leaves, and brush)

Businesses are encouraged to voluntarily recycle the following materials:

- Mixed paper
- Scrap metal
- Toner cartridges
- Pallets
- Computers

## ENFORCEMENT CORNER



Montgomery County Executive Regulation 109-92 requires all businesses to recycle.

In addition, property owners are required to provide recycling collection services and storage space for recyclable materials to their tenants.

SORRT Program staff are available to help your business or organization to comply with the County's recycling requirements. Failure to recycle or provide recycling collection services will result in a written warning, citation, and/or fine.

### ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

#### September 2003

None Issued.

#### October 2003

**Carpet & Things**, Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.

Dispose, dump, deposit or leave any solid waste within the County on public or private property.

**CVS/Pharmacy**, 12751 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.

Dispose, dump, deposit or leave any solid waste within the County on public or private property.

**Montgomery Renal Center LLC**, 12401

Middlebrook Road, Germantown. Failure to properly maintain the premises by permitting solid wastes to be stored outside storage containers.

### THE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENTS HAD NO RECYCLING PROGRAM:

- **Avenue**, 13533 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.
- **Capitol Cable and Technology**, 7905 Airpark Road, Gaithersburg.
- **Capitol Drywall Inc.**, 7871 Beechcraft Avenue, Gaithersburg.
- **Dazzle Cleaning Center**, 13751 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.
- **Dunkin Donuts**, 12200 Veirs Mill Road, Silver Spring.
- **For Eyes Optical**, 13830 Outlet Drive, Silver Spring.
- **Griggs University**, 20101 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg.
- **Key Distribution Corporation**, 8677 Grovemont Circle, Gaithersburg.
- **Leland Fisher Lumber**, 525 E. Gude Drive, Rockville.
- **Lottery Beer and Wine**, 13745 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.
- **Radio Shack**, 13735 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.
- **Sally Beauty Supply**, 13761 Connecticut Avenue, Wheaton.
- **7-Eleven, Inc.**, 29 Route 108, Sandy Spring.
- **Starbucks**, 7700 Norfolk Avenue, Bethesda.
- **Washington Real Estate Investment Trust**, 11300 Rockville Pike, Rockville.
- **Wendy's Restaurant Store #101**, 19777 Frederick Road, Germantown.

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☆☆☆☆ As of November 12, 2003, all of the above establishments are now in compliance with ☆☆☆☆ Executive Regulation 109-92 and Montgomery County Code Chapter 48.

# Cardboard, Steel Can, and Plastic Prices Rise During 2003



## Recycled Commodity Market Prices

Average Recycled Commodity prices in US dollars for loose materials, unless indicated.

New York Market\*

November 26, 2002 and November 30, 2003.

	November 26, 2002	November 30, 2003
<b>Paper (\$/ton)</b>		
**Newsprint #6	76	10
Magazines	0	0
Corrugated cardboard containers	10	22
*Sorted office paper	32	25
*Sorted white ledger	67	80
***Computer printout	55	55
<b>Metals (\$/ton)</b>		
Steel cans	11	30
White goods	22	28
<b>Glass (\$/ton)</b>		
Flint (clear)	22	21
Amber (brown)	9	9
<b>Plastics (\$/ton)</b>		
PET#1	140	340
Natural HDPE#2	320	340
Colored HDPE#2	180	200
***Combination HDPE	80	80
<b>Metals (\$/ton)</b>		
Aluminum cans	620	500

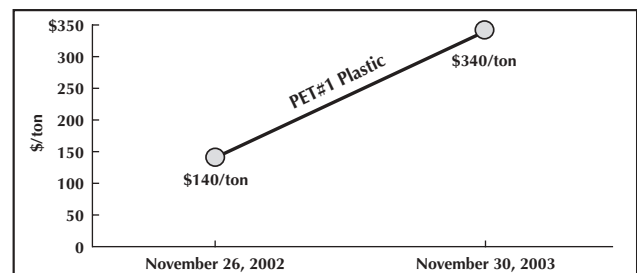
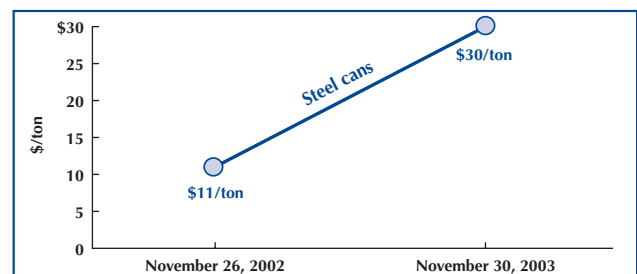
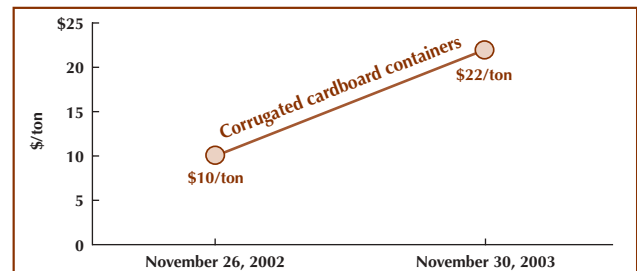
\*New York prices were selected because they represent a large Mid-Atlantic market

\*\*Items indicated baled & picked up

\*\*\*as of 2/08/02

## New York Recovered Cardboard, Steel Can, and Plastic Prices

Baled Material Picked Up at Seller's Dock



For the fourth quarter of 2003, PET#1 plastic prices rallied, increasing 240% as compared to the same cycle in 2002. Corrugated cardboard pricing increased from \$10 to \$22/ton showing a 120% rise in value. Sorted ledger paper prices also rose by 25% while newsprint prices dropped by 80% in this timeframe, falling from a high of \$76 to just \$10 dollars/bale.

Prices for Natural and Colored HDPE#2 plastics showed modest increases of 10–11%. Prices rose 27% for steel cans, however aluminum cans dropped from \$620 to \$500/ton, a net loss of 25%. White goods prices improved around 27% during this period. Prices for both clear and colored glass remained stable.



To join SORRT or learn more about business recycling,  
call Alan Pultyniewicz, Program Manager for Montgomery County's SORRT Program.

240-777-6400; 240-777-6442 (TTY);

240-777-6465 (fax); e-mail: [recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:recycle@montgomerycountymd.gov)

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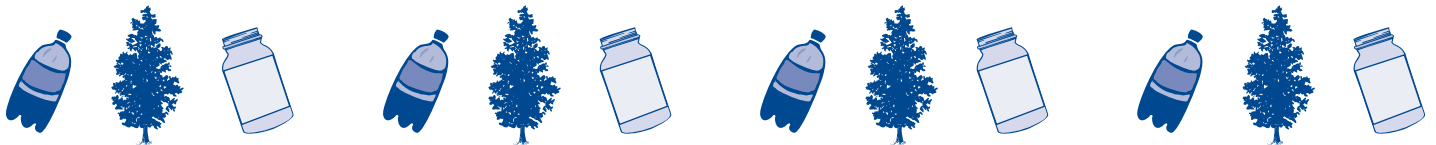


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# FUN FACTS

## *Did you know . . .*

- ☐ Each ton of glass recycled saves 9 gallons of fuel.
- ☐ Plastic is only one material used for packaging. Each year businesses throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour, for a total of 22 billion plastic bottles a year.
- ☐ A plastic soda bottle can be recycled into carpeting and clothes.
- ☐ Trees may take more than 30 years to become large enough to harvest to make into buildings or paper.
- ☐ Energy is needed to manufacture both virgin paper and recycled paper but much less total energy is needed to produce recycled paper. Typical energy savings from producing recycled paper range from about 28–70 percent.



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**Recycling for Businesses**

(240) 777-6400

**Recycling for Multi-Family Properties**

(240) 777-6400

**County Transfer Station**

(301) 840-2370

**County Recycling Center**

(301) 417-1433

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